

Senate Group Seeks Control Of CIA Work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee may decide next week whether to force a showdown on its efforts to oversee activities of the Central Intelligence Agency, Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy said Friday.

"Some of the things that have happened recently have strengthened our position, such as the CIA involvement in the Michigan State University aid project," said the Minnesota Democrat.

McCarthy and some others have demanded that the Committee have representatives on the special Senate group, made up of senior members of the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees, watching over the supersecret American spy agency.

The foreign relations committee, McCarthy said, is "waiting for the results of some inquiries" and may press for Senate action on the matter.

This would appear to be in line with points raised by Sen. J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., committee chairman, in a speech Thursday night.

Referring to committee hearings on Viet Nam and China policy, Fulbright told an audience at John Hopkins

School of Advanced International Studies:

"It is my hope that this experiment will not only contribute to public education but will help to restore the Senate to its proper role as adviser to the President on the great issues of foreign policy."

Twenty-five years of crisis, Fulbright asserted have resulted in an "unhinging of traditional constitutional relationships; the Senate's constitutional powers of advise and consent have atrophied into what is widely regarded — though never asserted — to be duty to give prompt consent with a minimum of advice."

And Fulbright, who is steering his committee into investigations of U.S. policy from Asia to Europe, announced:

"In coming months and perhaps years, the Foreign Relations Committee contemplates additional proceedings pertaining to major questions of American foreign policy. It is our expectation that these proceedings may generate controversy."

Fulbright cited reports that the CIA was using a Michigan State University-administered air program as a cover for agents in Viet Nam. He used the reports as an argument against the structure of U.S. aid programs.

Fulbright referred to the reports as one of "these incidental implications" of this program (which) have bothered me more and more."

University Denies CIA 'Cover' Role

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State University President John Hanna denied Friday charges that the university provided cover for the Central Intelligence Agency in South Viet Nam.

In a press conference called to answer charge in Ramparts magazine last week, Hanna said:

"Let me state without any reservations that Michigan State did not have a spy operation with its Viet Nam project. It did not have CIA people operating under cover provided by the university, or in secret from the Vietnamese government."

Ramparts, a San Francisco publication, had charged that an MSU advisory operation in South Viet Nam from late 1954 to 1962 had provided a front for U.S. intelligence operations.

Ramparts, in an article accusing MSU of being "a university on the make," said at least five CIA agents had been hired knowingly by the school's Viet Nam project and that other members of the project had an unspoken rule they would never mention it.

"The entire unit operated on an identical hear-no-CIA, see-no-CIA basis. The CIA men came in early in the morning, stayed for about an hour and then looked their offices and left for the day," the article said.